Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No definite information is forthcoming.

Mr. President: That question has already been answered.

COLLECTION ON ACCOUNT OF FEES FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE IN STATE HOSPITALS—PARTICULARS OF

43. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the rules concerning the levy of fees for operation in Government hospitals were brought into force;

(*b*) how much money has been collected in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, Civil Hospital, Trichur, Maternity Hospital, Trichur, and Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthi, till the end of 1116;

(c) how much money was collected from Government officers and how much from the rest?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) From 1st Kumbham 1116.

(*b*) General Hospital, Ernakulam	Rs.	228—0—0
Civil Hospital, Trichur	,,	12—0—0
Maternity Hospital, Trichur	,,	Nil
Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthi	,,	Nil
(c) Amount collected from Government Officers	Rs.	7—0—0
Amount collected from the rest	,,	233—0—0

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what is the figure that is given in the administration report with regard to this in the year 1116? I think there it is over Rs. 1,000. Here, the figure given is Rs. 450.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This figure represents the amount collected on account of operations. The figure you find in the administration report is the total amount collected on account of medical attendance from patients in our hospitals. I think, that figure is Rs. 1,351—13—0.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will the Government be pleased to reduce the charges for operations, as I understand that they are very high.

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Considering the smallness of the amount that we collect for operations and by sale of

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medicines, does not the Government think that this scheme is unsuccessful and it is not worth the while to continue charging for them ?

Mr. President: Such discussions cannot be allowed during question time.

44. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the rules governing medical attendance and the levy of fees in Government medical institutions in Cochin State have been brought into force from the 1st of Kumbham 1116;

(*b*) if so, what collections per month have been made during the months of Kumbham, Meenam, Medam, Edavam, Mithunam and Karkadagam 1116 in the hospitals at (1) Ernakulam, (2) Mattancheri, (3) Trichur, (4) Chittur, (5) Irinjalakkuda, (6) Kunnamkulam and (7) Vadakkancheri;

(c) the number of well-to-do persons that attended the above-named hospitals during the same months;

(*d*) the number of operations for which fees have been prescribed that were performed in the above-named hospitals in the first six months of 1116 and since the 1st of Kumbham 1116 to the end of the year and the collections made per month for such operations;

(*e*) have Government received any complaints regarding the levy of charges in the hospitals;

(*f*) has the working of the rules affected the usual attendance of patients in the hospitals?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Please see the list placed on the Council Table.

(*e*) No complaints have so far been received.

(*f*) No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* From the list I find that from the General Hospital you have collected up to the end of Kumbham Rs. 235 and all the other hospitals put together it does not come up to that. I find from the list that the charges derived in the General Hospital in Kumbham is Rs. 11, Meenam Rs. 5, Medam Rs. 125, Edavam Rs. 175, Mithunam Rs. 5 and Karkadagam Rs. 5. The number of patients who have attended the General

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